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SUBJ: COMPUTER SALES TO PRC

1. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBASSY PEKING, HITACHI COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR CENTRAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE (CMS) HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN PEKING AND A DEDICATION CEREMONY TOOK PLACE ON JULY 7. COMPUTER FACILITY WILL NOT ACTUALLY BE OPERATIONAL UNTIL EARLY NEXT YEAR, HOWEVER. (COMMENT: DEPT. COMMERCE ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARUCH WAS SHOWN THE INSTALLATION ON JULY 8 AS PART OF A GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO CMS. JAPANESE TECHNICIANS WERE WORKING ON THE EQUIPMENT AT THE TIME.)

2. JAPANESE EMBOFF ALSO SAID THAT HITACHI HAS SOLD COMPUTER TO PRC FOR SEISMOLOGICAL WORK, AND THIS WAS UNDER DISCUSSION WITH USG. WE HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS SALE. IS THIS THE COMPUTER SPERRY RAND WAS ASKED TO BID ON (SEE PEKING 1828)?

3. ACCORDING TO OUR FILES, THERE ARE U.S. EXCON LICENSE APPLICATIONS PENDING FOR SALE OF U.S. COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TO PRC BY THE FOLLOWING FIRMS: IBM, TRODYNE, CANBERRA INDUSTRIES, DIGITAL RESOURCES , HUNTER ENGINEERING, MAGNAVOX OVERSEAS, AND GEOREX. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THESE CASES. WOODCOCK

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